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Sir:

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The US counterpart (US 5,547,565) of the European patent application EP 715,873 is submitted herewith.

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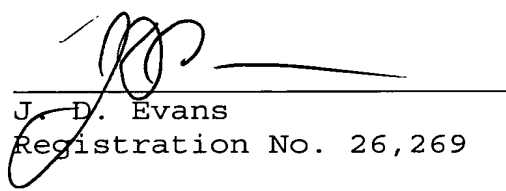
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Respectfully submitted,

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